CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
MARCH 2, 2022 - MINAMI COMMUNITY CENTER, 600 W. ENOS DRIVE

CALL TO ORDER
Pursuant to AB 361, the City conducted this meeting using a combination of virtual/in-person (hybrid) meeting platforms to promote social distancing and facilitate continuity of government due to the recent surge in the Omicron COVID-19 cases within the County of Santa Barbara and the City of Santa Maria.

Mayor Patino called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Alice Patino, Councilmember Mike Cordero, Councilmember Carlos Escobedo, Councilmember Gloria Soto, and Councilmember Etta Waterfield

Councilmember Escobedo participated in the closed session via teleconference.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Stilwell, City Attorney Watson, and Chief Deputy City Clerk White (for roll call only).

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
There were no requests to speak.

RECESS - CLOSED SESSION
Mayor Patino recessed to a Closed Session at 5:03 p.m. for Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to Section 54957.6 of the Government Code – Agency Representative: City Manager Jason Stilwell; Employee Organizations: All bargaining units, unrepresented employees, managers, and executives.

INVOCATION
Pastor Jeff Hoyos of Church for Life gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilmember Waterfield led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTION OF INTERPRETERS
Language Justice Initiative interpreter Hugo Santos-Gomez gave instruction (English and Spanish) regarding interpretation during the meeting. Interpreter Karla Martens from Language Justice Initiative was also present to participate, if needed.

Chief Deputy City Clerk White announced that a call-in option to the meeting was established and available for public comment and for the redistricting public hearing.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
Mayor Patino reconvened the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Councilmember Escobedo participated in the regular meeting via teleconference technology.

ROLL CALL:
Councilmember Cordero, Councilmember Escobedo, Councilmember Soto, Councilmember Waterfield, and Mayor Patino

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Jason Stilwell, City Attorney Thomas Watson, Interim Director of Public Works Brett Fulgoni, Interim Library Director Dawn Jackson, Chief Human Resources Officer Linda Le, Chief Information Officer Jeffrey Marecic, Director of Community Development Chuen Ng, Chief of Police Marc Schneider, Director of Utilities Shad Springer, Fire Chief Todd Tuggle, Chief Deputy City Clerk Rhonda White, and Deputy City Clerk Beth Cleary

CLOSED SESSION REPORT: CITY ATTORNEY
City Attorney Watson reported that instruction was given to the Agency Representative, Mr. Stilwell.

1 **PROCLAMATIONS**

A. Councilmember Soto presented a Proclamation recognizing the day of March 6, 2022, as Women's March of Santa Maria Valley Day in the City of Santa Maria. The Proclamation was accepted by Pam Gates on behalf of the march planning committee.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (NOT TO EXCEED A TOTAL OF 15 MINUTES)

Written comment was received from Kyra Solis in support of the Women's March Day Proclamation.

Gary Hall spoke in favor of a mobile home owner rent stabilization ordinance and asked that it be included on a future agenda.

Hilda Cabal spoke on behalf of 40 Days for Life, a non-profit dedicated to ending abortion.

3 CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar Items 3A-3F were approved as presented, including the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2022-23, 2022-24a, and 2022-24b, and the introduction of Ordinance No. 2022-01 regarding City Council salaries. The recorded vote appears with each item below.

A. Waive the reading in full of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinances on the Consent Agenda will be adopted by the same vote cast at the first meeting, unless City Council indicates otherwise.

Action: Readings waived.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

B. Approve the Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of February 15, 2022.

Action: Minutes approved as presented.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

C. Adopt a Resolution extending the City's ability to conduct meetings of the City Council and City Boards, Commissions, and Committees partially or completely remotely by using a combination of in-person/virtual (hybrid) platforms as authorized by Government Code § 54953(e)(1)(A) to promote social distancing, prioritize the Public's Health and Wellbeing under Santa Barbara County Health Officer Orders, and provide flexibility as needed to facilitate continuity of government.

Action: Extension of in-person/virtual (hybrid) meeting option approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

D. 1) Adopt Resolutions -
a) Ratifying and approving the Tentative Agreement and Successor Memorandum of Understanding with the Santa Maria City Fire Fighters' Union Local 2020 (Local 2020); and

b) Authorizing and approving a Resolution for Wage and Benefit Package for the Non-Represented Public Safety Managers ("PSM"); and

c) Authorizing the establishment of a Comprehensive Salary Schematic Schedule for all full-time and part-time employees in accordance with CalPERS guidelines.

2) Introduce an Ordinance for first reading, and continue to a future meeting for second reading and adoption, amending Section 2-2.02 (Salaries Designated) of the Santa Maria Municipal Code increasing City Council salaries by $393.90 per month.

Action: Tentative Agreement and MOU with Fire Local 2020, Wage & Benefit Package for Public Safety Managers, and Salary Schematic approved. Ordinance amending City Council salaries introduced.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution Nos. 2022-24a and 2022-24b.

E. Payment of Warrants. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Warrants ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

F. Payment of Payroll. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Directors, as shown on records on file in the Department of Finance, and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Payroll ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

4 PUBLIC HEARING

A. **COMPOSITION OF DISTRICTS FOR DISTRICT ELECTIONS.** The City's Consultant Demographer Daniel Phillips of National Demographics Corporation and City Manager Stilwell gave the presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report. Three draft maps (Minimal Change Plan A; Minimal Change Plan B; and Quadrant Plan, each with demographics), were posted on the City's website on February 25, 2022, for review and consideration by the public and City Council. Demographer Phillips reviewed the demographic details of each of the three draft maps with the City Council.

Public input
Mayor Patino opened the public hearing at 6:23 p.m.

Written communications were received from Kathy Sharum and David Dennis supporting the Quadrant Plan map.

Peggy Brierton, Rebecca Garcia, Lawanda Lyons-Pruitt, and Jovany Medina spoke in favor of the Quadrant Plan map.

Mayor Patino closed the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

Action: Direction to staff was given to allow until March 8th for additional public comment and submissions of maps prior to drafting an Ordinance for introduction amending the boundaries of electoral districts based on the 2020 Census.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER
City Manager Stilwell reported that the next regular City Council meeting would be March 15, 2022, at the Maramonte Community Center, 620 East Sunrise Drive. Items on the agenda would focus on the Ordinance for redistricting, the General Plan Annual Report, and the Measure U Annual Report.

City Manager Stilwell also requested Chamber of Commerce CEO, Glenn Morris, to give a brief presentation on a micro-business grant opportunity for local businesses.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS)
Councilmember Soto had no reportable AB1234 items and requested that a mobile home rent stabilization item be placed on a future agenda.

Councilmembers Cordero, Escobedo, and Waterfield had no reportable AB1234 items.

Mayor Patino reported she attended a 3CE Policy Board meeting; an APCD Board meeting; an SBCAG Board meeting; a Livable California teleconference; and a Marian Foundation Board of Directors meeting.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.in memory of Dan Blough.

Approved at a regular meeting on March 15, 2022.

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk
of the City Council

ATTEST:

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria